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SUBJECT: CUBA AT BUENOS AIRES MFM

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1. DURING CHARGE'S CALL CONNECTION ANOTHER SUBJECT, FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA REITERATED GOB POSITION ON CUBA'S ATTENDANCE AT BUENOS AIRES MFM. GOB IS FLEXIBLE, HE SAID, BUT BELIEVES BRAZIL, LIKE US, HAS OBLIGATION TO TAKE QUESTION OF CUBAN PARTICIPATION SERIOUSLY. THIS MEANS OBTAINING SOME SORT OF COMMITMENT FROM CASTRO AGAINST FURTHER INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS BEFORE HE IS INVITED TO JOIN THE CIRCLE. OTHERWISE, HE SAID, "WE ARE GIVING IT TO HIM ON A SILVER PLATTER." BRAZIL HAS AN OBLIGATION TO NEIGHBORS LIKE URUGUAY AND PARAGUAY TO STIC TO THIS STAND, HE ADDED.

2. SILVEIRA FRANKLY ENVISAGED THAT BUENOS AIRES MEETING MIGHT NOT TAKE PLACE. AT LEAST SOME OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH FAILED TO VOTE IN CUBA'S FAVOR AT QUITO CAN BE EXPECTED TO TRY TO BLOCK CUBAN ATTENDANCE AT MFM. WHILE ARGENTINA LIKELY TO BE FAIRLY FLEXIBLE, THERE ARE OTHER LA COUNTRIES WHICH MAY WELL SEEK TO PUT OFF MEETING IF CUBA NOT INVITED, HE ENVISAGED.

3. SILVEIRA ADDED THAT THIS WOULD BE A SHAME SINCE THE MEETING WOULD BE USEFUL, COMMENTING THAT HE WAS PLEASED ABOUT RESULTS OF NEW DIALOGUE. THIS POINT SERVED TO
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ILLUSTRATE AN OBSERVATION SILVEIRA HAD MADE EARLIER,

THAT IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT THE CUBA QUESTION HAS
ASSUMED SUCH A DOMINANT POSITION IN THE RELATIONS
BETWEEN AMERICAN STATES.
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